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The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy,

I am writing regarding the water quality in Compton, California, one of the cities that I represent in Congress. Over the last few weeks, many residents have reported murky and discolored tap water.

Last week, my staff met with residents who have reported their water being extremely discolored, in some instances looking like coffee and mud. Compton city officials believe the problem is due to sediment build up in the city's aging cast iron pipes, and insist the water is safe to drink.

However, out of an abundance of caution, I request the EPA coordinate with the California State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water to test the water in areas of Compton that residents have expressed concerns with their water quality. This testing will ensure the health and safety of the residents of Compton, and provide assurances the water is safe to drink and bathe.

Thank you for your assistance on this important matter.

Sincerely,


Janice Hahn
Member of Congress